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Made and pass'd by the  
General Assembly of His Ma-  
jesty's Colony of *Rhode-Island* and  
*Providence Plantations*, in *New-*  
*England*, held at *Newport*, by  
Adjournment, on the third *Tues-*  
*day* of *February*, 1730.

An Act for erasing and incorporating the Out-  
Lands of the Town of *Providence* into three  
Towns.

**F**ORASMUCH as the Out-Lands of the Town of *Pro-*  
*vidence* are large, and replenished with Inhabitants suffi-  
cient to make and erect three Townships, besides the Town of  
*Providence*, and the Land lies convenient for the same; which  
will



will be of great Ease and Benefit to the Inhabitants of said Lands, in transacting and negotiating the prudential Affairs of their Town, which for some Time past has been very heavy and burthensome.

**B**E it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That from Warwick Township, eight Miles and an half be measured on the Seven Mile Line (so called) in said Providence, and a Boundary there fixed, and from the said Boundary a Line be drawn to *Pautucket River*, to the Place called the Ware, about half a Mile northerly of *Pautucket Falls*; and that for the Time to come, the Town of Providence extend no farther West and North than the aforesaid Lines.

The Bounds  
of Providence

**A**ND it is also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the rest of the aforesaid out Lands, to the Eastward of the aforesaid Seven Mile Line, and to the Northward of the Bounds of the Town of Providence, be, and they are hereby incorporated and erected a Town, called and known by the Name of *Smithfield*; and that the Inhabitants thereof, from Time to Time, shall have and enjoy the like Benefits and Priviledges with other Towns in this Colony, according to our Charter.

*Smithfield*  
erected.

**A**ND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the rest of the aforesaid out Lands to the Westward of the aforesaid Seven Mile Line, be erected and made into two Towns, the dividing Line between them to begin at the North East Bounds of the Town of Providence, at the Bounds and Monument there made and erected on the aforesaid Seven Mile Line, and from thence to extend West Six Degrees and Thirty Minutes North, to *Connecticut Colony*. And all the Lands to the Westward of the said Town of Providence, and to the Southward of the said Dividing Line, and to the Northward of the Town of Warwick, be, and they are hereby erected and incorporated a Town, to be called and known by the Name of *Scituate*; and the Inhabitants thereof, from Time to Time, shall have and enjoy the like Liberties and Priviledges as other Towns in this Colony by our Charter do.

*Scituate* erect-  
ed.

**A**ND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Rest and Residue of the aforesaid out Lands, that ly to the Westward of the aforesaid Seven Mile Line, and to the Northward of the West Line drawn from the Northwest Corner of the Town of Providence, bounded North on the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and West on the Colony of *Connecticut*, be, and they are hereby erected and incorporated a Town, and called by the Name of *Glocester*; and the Inhabitants thereof for the Time being, shall have and enjoy the like Liberty with other Towns in this Colony, agreeable to our Charter.

*Glocester*  
erected.



Town-Meet-  
ings to be  
called for chu-  
sing Town-  
Officers.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Justices of each of the respective Towns of *Smithfield*, *Scituate* and *Glocester*, grant forth a Warrant in some convenient Time, to call the Inhabitants of each Town together, to chuse and elect such Town Officers as they shall have occasion for, as the Law directs, and to appoint the Time of their Town-Meetings, and the Places.

Number of  
Deputys.

AND each of the Towns aforesaid are to send two Deputies to the next General Assembly, and so on, as by the Charter is ordered.

Lands to be  
survey'd.

AND that Major *William Smith*, and Captain *Richard Waterman*, take with them a Surveyor, and from the North-west Corner of *Providence* Town, run up a Line to *Connecticut* Colony West, Six Degrees North, according as the Assembly has ordered and appointed the same.

Number of  
Jurors to be  
sent from  
each Town.

AND that *Providence* send one Grand and one Petit Juryman to the Superior Courts, *Smithfield* the same, and *Scituate* and *Glocester* each one Petit Juryman; and *Providence* send four Grand Jurors and three Petit Jurors to the Inferior Court, *Smithfield* two Grand and two Petit Jurors, and *Scituate* one Grand Juror and one Petit Juror, and *Glocester* the same.

Each Town  
to have their  
Proportion of  
the Bank Mo-  
ney.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Towns of *Providence*, *Smithfield*, *Scituate* and *Glocester*, have each of their Proportion of the Interest of the Bank Money appropriated to the Use of the Towns of this Colony, according to the Sums that the Lands lying in each Town are mortgaged for; and that what Money the Town Treasurer of *Providence* has advanced for the Town before, the Division thereof be repaid him out of the whole Interest Money, before Division thereof be made.

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